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on Russian expansionism; he dealt another blow to the freedom-loving people of Central Europe who had hoped that America would not support Russia's aims; and he sat on the platform with Paul Robeson, Corliss Lamont, Joseph E. Davies, and Dr. William Howard Melish. That mass meeting was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.

One other activity of this National Council now needs to be recalled. In 1943 the Council initiated a campaign to promote the "joint celebration of Red Army Day and George Washington's Birthday." Banquets were held for these "joint celebrations in 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946. At the 1945 banquet in New York 1700 persons attended, and the principal speakers were Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and a Russian general named Byelov.

On February 21, 1946, the National Council beat its drums and held a dinner party at the Waldorf at which more than two thousand guests were in attendance — all celebrating Red Army Day and George Washington's Birthday. The principal speaker was Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, representing General Eisenhower. In his eulogy of the Soviet Union, General Smith made this significant statement:

During the campaign in Europe General Eisenhower communicated direct with Marshal Stalin's headquarters for the co-ordination of the

military operations which resulted in the final defeat of the German war machine, and we had no important difficulty in reaching an understanding.

After this banquet the House Un-American Activities Committee subpoenaed the records of the National Council, contributions to which had been tax exempt. On March 6, 1946, one Richard Morford, executive director of the Council, appeared before the Committee and refused to produce the records of the Council or to disclose the names of the persons who wrote the propaganda which appeared in the Council's publication.

And on whose advice did Mr. Morford make these refusals? On the advice of his attorney, Mr. Acheson's associate, Mr. Horsky.

Mr. Morford was cited for contempt, the tax exemption was withdrawn from the Council, and the Council was placed on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

One of the Council's most extensive operations had been the distribution in this country of copies of the Soviet Constitution, showing what a liberal democracy the Soviet Union is.

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GRADUATES TOLD
OF SOVIET THREAT

MIDDLETOWN, June 8. (AP) There need be no fear for the future, says Walter Bedell Smith, former ambassador to Russia, if the United States faces the Soviet threat with great courage and a readiness to make extreme sacrifices.

Smith, who was the recipient of an honorary degree, spoke last night at the 120th commencement exercises at Wesleyan university.

Smith, former chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in World War II and current director to the Central Intelligence agency, told the graduates the world has contracted greatly since they had entered grammar school.

He said that we now have neighbors who were strangers to us in other days and "they have built an ugly wall between their yard and ours."

One of the problems which must be solved, he said, is whether that wall can be allowed to stand or whether we will have to tear down this wall "in order that things may grow in the sunshine in our own yard."

Bachelor of arts degrees were awarded to 165 seniors and 16 were given master of arts degrees.

Smith and Earl P. Stevenson, industrial chemist and Wesleyan board of directors president, received honorary doctor of laws degrees.

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Courage, Sacrifice Urged by Ex-Envoy

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., June 8. (AP)—Walter Bedell Smith, former American ambassador to Russia, declared tonight there was no reason to fear the future if the United States faces the Soviet threat with great courage, and a readiness to make extreme sacrifices.

Smith, director of the Central Intelligence Agency and former chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower in World War II, spoke at Wesleyan's 120th commencement and was among four recipients of hon-